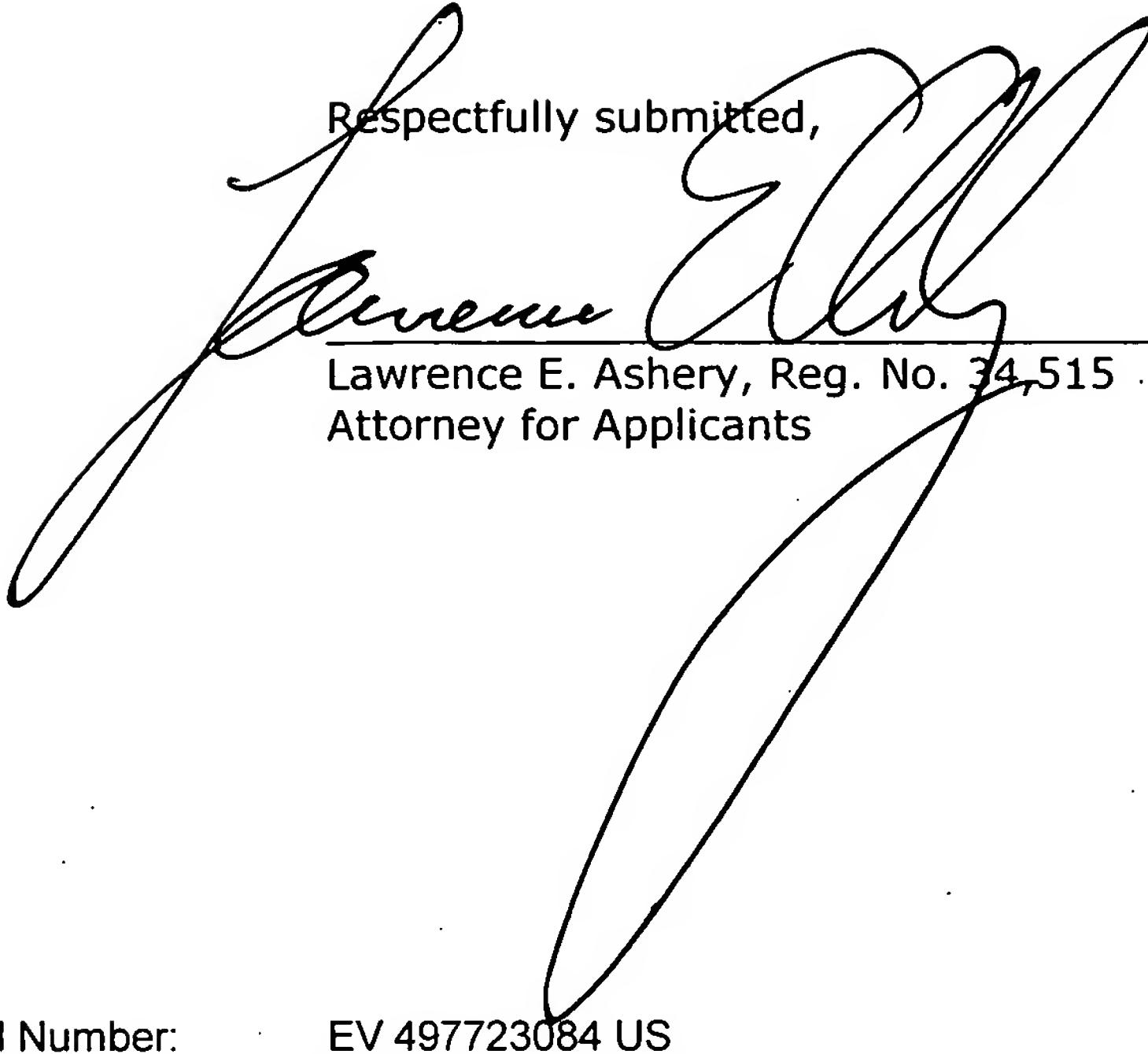


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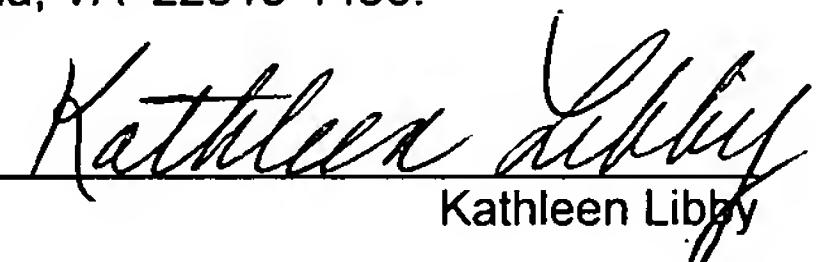
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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please delete the last page of the drawings, labeled as "Reference Marks In The Drawings" in its entirety.

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

ABSTRACT

A hermetic compressor including a discharge valve system in a cylinder. A the discharge valve system ~~(114)~~ includes a discharge reed ~~(127)~~ having an opening/closing portion ~~(132)~~ and a discharge reed holding portion ~~(131)~~, a spring reed ~~(128)~~ having a movable portion ~~(134)~~ and a spring reed holding portion ~~(133)~~, and a stopper ~~(129)~~ having a regulation portion ~~(138)~~ and a stopper holding portion ~~(137)~~. The the discharge reed ~~(127)~~, the spring reed ~~(128)~~ and the stopper ~~(129)~~ are fixed in this order to a pedestal ~~(125)~~ of a valve plate ~~(113)~~. At a spring reed bending portion ~~(135)~~ provided in a movable portion ~~(134)~~, the movable portion ~~(134)~~ is bent toward the direction of the valve seat ~~(124)~~ and the tip portion ~~(136)~~ is brought into contact with the plate contact portion ~~(126)~~. Space is provided between the movable portion ~~(134)~~ of the spring reed ~~(128)~~ and the opening/closing portion ~~(132)~~ of the discharge reed ~~(127)~~, and both are not brought into close contact with each other. Thus, delay in closing discharge reed ~~(127)~~ can be prevented. As a result, since it is possible to prevent discharge reed ~~(127)~~ and spring reed ~~(128)~~ from being brought into close contact with each other, the and deterioration of the refrigerating capacity can be suppressed and high efficiency can be achieved.

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